



The Alden House will open its doors for the last time this season on Friday, November 29, just in time for a cold turkey tour. Above, the Alden House circa 1900.

Cold Turkey Tours at Alden House

The Alden House in Duxbury will open its doors for the final time this year as it invites visitors of all ages on Friday, November 29th. This lovely home, dating from 1653, is the only existing structure built by and lived in by Mayflower passengers, John and Priscilla Mullins, participants in 'that first Thanksgiving feast' in 1621.

This year, however, you may need to stand in line behind the most frequent visitor to the Alden grounds this fall, a genuine wild turkey hen. She has been frequently seen perched on the split rail fence next to the 'new barn' and otherwise taking a proprietary interest in the area. Perhaps waiting for a tour?

While we can all hope for some Indian summer weather towards the end of November, the Alden Kindred of American who host this annual event, urge you to dress warmly. The Alden House has never had central heating.

The Alden House will be open for tours on Friday, November 29th at noon with the last tours starting at 3:00 p.m. Tours, given continuously, generally last about 45 minutes. The cost is \$4 for adults, \$3 for seniors and \$2 for students. Members of the Alden Kindred and Alden Museum members are admitted free. The house, located at 105 Alden Street, is fully furnished with period antiques and artifacts. Knowledgeable guides accompany each tour, sharing with you many of the fascinating stories about the house and its occupants. The museum shop will be open. To warm you up, complimentary cider and "goodies" will be served in the beautiful (and heated!) timber frame barn.

There will also be an opportunity to view, for the first time, a display of photographs that are the result of an archival project undertaken over the past summer to protect, preserve and in some cases restore these treasured images. This program is supported in part by a grant from the Duxbury Cultural Council. This exhibit will continue through the spring.

You may contact the Alden House museum at (781) 934-9092 or visit its website at www.alden.org for further information.